

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a golf club head, comprising the steps of:

~~providing a body having~~ forming a first inclined surface on an inner periphery of an opening delimited by an inclined surface of a body with a first inclination;

~~providing~~ forming a second inclined surface on an outer periphery of a striking plate with an inclined surface a second inclination corresponding to that of the first inclined surface of the opening of the body;

engaging the second inclined surface of the striking plate with the first inclined surface of the body;

~~applying~~ exerting a predetermined force to the striking plate to tightly embed the striking plate in the opening of the body such that the second inclined surface of the striking plate tightly engages with the first inclined surface of the opening of the body to form an engaging area between the striking plate and the body in preparing friction welding;

moving a rotating pin along ~~an~~ the engaging area between the striking plate and the body to proceed with the friction welding, with the predetermined force exerting on the striking plate;
and

surface finishing the engaging area between the striking plate and the body.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first inclined surface delimiting the opening of the body tapers inward, and wherein the second inclined surface of the striking plate tapers rearward.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first inclined surface delimiting the opening of the body is one of planar and arcuate, and wherein the second inclined surface of the striking plate is one of planar and arcuate.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first inclined surface of the body has a height greater than a thickness of the striking plate.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the first inclined ~~perimeter~~-surface of the body and the second inclined surface of the striking plate includes an annular groove, and wherein the other of the first inclined surface of the body and the second inclined surface of the striking plate includes an annular flange received in the annular groove, providing accurate positioning.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the opening of the body further includes a shoulder.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further including an intermedia layer between the first inclined surface of the body and the second inclined surface of the striking plate.

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the intermedia layer is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of niobium, chromium, aluminum, copper, iron, zirconium, titanium, vanadium, tantalum, silver, nickel, tungsten, and alloys thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the intermedia layer is formed on one of the first inclined surface of the body and the second inclined surface of the striking plate by means of one of electroplating and coating.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first inclined surface of the body is formed on an inner perimeter surface delimiting the opening, and wherein the second inclined surface of the striking plate is formed on an inner perimeter surface of the striking plate.

11-20. (Cancelled)